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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 18, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 18, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. This response is filed (or is deemed to have been filed) within two months of the date of the Final Office Action. While no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 09-0465/ROC920030407US1 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.